

Concurrent Building of 'A Statue of A Girl' in The City of Seongnam and the City of Milpitas

Mayor YiJaemyeong, "it will be a symbol of the world peace and the Korean-American Friendship "

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▲Mayor YiJaemyeong in the open press conference reveals his plan for 'Seongnam - Korea Peace Park' building in Milpitas. © Seongnam Journal

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The City of Seongnam's plan to build 'Seongnam - Korea Peace Park' in Milpitas.

"Build a 'statue of a girl' and a Monument of a comfort women resolution to spotlight the value of the human rights, build a bronze statue of Admiral Yi Sun Shin, and a sculpture of the sundial of Jang Young Sil to promote the excellence of Korean technology & science and pride."

The City of Seongnam announced its plan for 'Seongnam - Korea Peace Park' construction in Milpitas, CA.

Mayor YiJaemyeong on March 3, 2014, in the open press conference at Seongnam City Hall revealed his plan for the concurrent building of 'Korea Peace Park' and 'a statue of a girl in Seongnam, S. Korea and in Milpitas, CA.

"The City of Seongnam has become a leading city of pursuing Veterans Affairs Policy since August, 2013. The City has strengthened the courtesy for the veterans and independent merit and built a memorial for the leader of the righteous army for the independence of Korea

under Japanese rule. The City also plans to build a 'Statue of a girl' in order not to forget the painful history of the comfort women", Mayor YiJaemyeong said.

Mayor Yi said "The concurrent building of Seongnam-Korea Peace Park and a statue of a girl would become a symbol of the world peace and the Korean-American friendship".

Meanwhile, the City of Seongnam needed the City of Milpitas council approval process to become a sister city with the City of Milpitas for its plan.



▲ Mayor YiJaemyeong describes the process of promotion © Seongnam Journal

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1. sending envoys to Milpitas for his plan to build a statue of a girl in Milpitas
 2. national and international advertisement
 3. delivering Mayor's personal correspondence to Mayor of the city of Milpitas by his envoys
 4. pictures of the proposed site for 'Peace Park' in Milpitas, CA

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Cooperation between Seongnam and Milpitas with help from the Korean Community in Milpitas => create a 'Peace Park' and a Monument for a comfort woman in Milpitas.

<Press conference minutes>

Last Saturday, March 1, 2014, was the memorial day of declaration of the freedom and independence of Korea under Japanese rule.

The City of Seongnam is a leading city of pursuing Veterans Affairs Policy.

The City must honor and reward the veterans and independent merit for their sacrifice and devotion.

The special envoys of Seongnam visited the City of Milpitas, delivered the personal correspondence of Mayor YiJaemyeong of Seongnam to Mayor Jose Esteves of Milpitas to promote the economical, educational, and cultural exchanges between the two cities and to build 'Seongnam - Korea peace park' & a statue of a girl, and toured the proposed site for the park in Milpitas on January 21, 2014.

The City of Milpitas held the Sister City Commissioners Conference twice, on January 23 and February 27, to promote the process of Milpitas Sister Cities with Seongnam City, S. Korea. Some agreements by Milpitas Sister Cities Committee are as follows:

First of all, build 'Seongnam - Korea Peace Park' in Tom Evatt Park in Milpitas.

Secondly, build a 'statue of a girl', a Korean War Memorial Monument, and a Monument of a comfort women resolution voted by Milpitas City Council in the park.

Thirdly, build a bronze statue of Admiral Yi Sun Shin and a sculpture of the sundial of Jang Young Sil to promote the excellence of Korean technology & science and pride.

The concurrent building of Seongnam-Korea Peace Park and a statue of a girl in Seongnam and Milpitas would become a symbol of the world peace and the Korean-American friendship".

The inhumane actions by Japanese government and groups are a big concern such as Japanese Prime Minister, Abe's visit to Yasukuni Shrine, the denial of the forced mobilization of the comfort women in the Kono Discourse, the movement for the demolition of a Statue of a girl in the City of Glendale.

It is not only the government responsibility but also our responsibility to record our history and learn the lessons from it to avoid our mistakes in the future again since it is the top priority for all of us to keep our nation intact.

We expect that it will contribute to the world peace and the Korean-American friendship to build a 'Statue of a girl' in Seongnam and Milpitas at the same time, and will promote the value of the human rights and peace.

Thank you.